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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MARR

SUBJECT: CALLAGHAN PROPOSAL ON COOPERATIVE ATLANTIC ARMAMENTS  
SYSTEM

1. THOMAS CALLAGHAN, A PRIVATE CONSULTANT WHO HAS DONE PROFESSIONAL STUDIES FOR USG, GAVE US MARCH 3 A RUNDOWN OF HIS WIDE-SWEEPING PROPOSAL FOR A COMMON EUROPEAN-AMERICAN ARMS DEVELOPMENT AND PROCUREMENT SYSTEM. IN CALLAGHAN CONCEPT WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND U.S. WOULD SET UP BY TREATY A SYSTEM WHEREUNDER MEMBER COUNTRIES WOULD STANDARDIZE ON SINGLE WEAPONS SYSTEMS WITH CONTRACTORS BOUND TO SUPPLY NEEDS OF ALL. R & D AND PRODUCTION PROGRAMS WOULD BE SO RIGGED THAT THE FLOW OF FUNDS OUT OF MILITARY BUDGETS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC WOULD BALANCE OUT IN THE LONG RUN. CALLAGHAN MAINTAINS THIS WOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH ACHIEVEMENT OF STANDARDIZATION SAVINGS IN ORDER OF \$10 BILLION PER YEAR AND ACQUISITION OF TOP-DRAWER WEAPONRY.

2. CALLAGHAN PROPOSAL WOULD REQUIRE RIGOROUS ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE WHETHER SCHEME IS INHERENTLY FEASIBLE. OBVIOUS POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL OBSTACLES ON BOTH SIDES OF WATER MAKE CALLAGHAN  
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PLAN AT BEST A LONG-TERM PROPOSITION. IN THE IMMEDIATE SITUATION,

WE BELIEVE THAT HIS IDEA, IF BROACHED TO BENELUX GOVERNMENTS, WOULD AROUSE QUICK SUSPICION AND INADVERTENTLY DAMAGE OUR CAUSE IN F-104 REPLACEMENT EFFORT.

3. WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO MR. CALLAGHAN THAT NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO PUBLICIZE HIS CONCEPT IN BELGIUM, EVEN IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRIVATE PERSON ON GOOD TERMS WITH USG. EMBASSY WILL NOT FACILITATE ACCESS OF CALLAGHAN TO BELGIAN GOVERNMENT OR OTHER INFLUENTIAL BELGIAN QUARTERS. FIRESTONE

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